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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,661,690 issued August 26, 1997.
2. European Patent Application Publication No. 0 986 066, published March 15, 2000.
3. J. Choy et al., "Differential Sense Amplifier Reference Current Mode for Production Screening", Motorola Technical Developments, Vol. 40, (January 2000), pp. 3-7.
4. European Patent Application Publication No. 0 400 184, published December 5, 1990.

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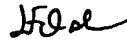
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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Partial European Search Report dated March 24, 2003 citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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